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METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SAME**

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 31, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In The Claims**

Please amend claims 24 and 25 as follows:

19 24. (Amended) A method of filling a gas tank with fuel from a tubular member comprising:

configuring at least a portion of [the] a one-piece seamless tubular member such that the seamless configuration induces a sufficient swirl to create a hollow passage for venting vapors from the gas tank during fuel filling; and  
filling the gas tank with fuel.

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